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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CONFIRMS MENOMINEE CASINO'S VALUE TO KENOSHA AND STATE OF WISCONSIN

Michael Chapman, chairman of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, today released the following statement regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Tribe's proposed Kenosha entertainment center and casino. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has scheduled a public hearing on the draft EIS for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Pleasant Prairie.

"The Draft Environmental Impact Statement scrutinizes our proposed entertainment center and casino on a number of levels, carefully measuring environmental and socioeconomic impacts, traffic and infrastructure needs, effect on market competition and more. In all instances – without exception – our project is deemed a good fit for Kenosha, Southeast Wisconsin and our Tribe.

"The DEIS confirms our Tribe's deep appreciation for the environment and offers even further proof that ours is a good project that will respect the land, bring thousands of jobs and significant economic opportunity to Kenosha and Southeast Wisconsin. The study shows that the facility will be a positive addition to the region, and also provide the resources our Tribe so desperately needs to care for its 8,100 members.

"The DEIS also indicates that our Kenosha facility can successfully co-exist with the Potawatomi casino in Milwaukee. In other words, both the Kenosha and Milwaukee facilities can thrive and benefit their host communities, their tribal members and the State of Wisconsin. That's good news for everyone.

"We are proud of the DEIS and the many positive things it says about our proposal. We will post the entire document on our Web site at www.kenoshacasino.com, and it is also available for review at local libraries. We urge the public to review the DEIS and feel free to call or e-mail us with questions. We look forward to hearing from the public at the October 25 hearing, and to reading written comments that can be submitted through late November. We've said from the beginning that to be good for the Menominee, this project must be good for Kenosha and Wisconsin – and the DEIS confirms that it is. We look forward to working with the community to ensure all of their questions are answered, and to building a facility that will truly be a benefit for all."